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1. U.S. DEL HAS JUST CONCLUDED INTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH
ISAC 3 MEMBERS USING SECTOR OBJECTIVES PAPER TPSC 78-51
ANNEX 6. DEL AGREES WITH ISAC ADVICE THAT MEETING BE-
TWEEN U.S. AND CANADIAN EXPERTS TAKE PLACE BEFORE ANY TRI-
LATERAL MEETING ON LUMBER AND PLYWOOD STANDARDS IS HELD
WITH THE JAPANESE. THE PURPOSE OF THE BILATERAL WITH
CANADA WOULD BE TO ENSURE A COMMON POSITION VIS-A-VIS
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JAPAN AND WOULD BE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN CANADIAN AGREE-
MENT TO ADOPT PS-1-74 AS THE BASIS FOR PLYWOOD STANDARDS.

2. DEL BELIEVES THAT CANADIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO ASSOCIATE
THEMSELVES WITH U.S. COUNTING ON OUR SUPERIOR LEVERAGE)
TO ACHIEVE A BREAKTHROUGH ON THE STANDARDS ISSUE WITH THE
JAPANESE. WE CAN USE THIS DESIRE TO PRESSURE THE

CANADIANS TO GO ALONG WITH A CHANGE IN THEIR OWN PLYWOOD STANDARDS SO THAT WE CAN PRESENT A COMMON FRONT TO THE JAPANESE. ISAC ADVISORS BELIEVE THAT THE CANADIAN INDUSTRY WOULD PROBABLY BE AMENABLE TO A CHANGE IN CSA STANDARDS TO INCLUDE A D GRADE VENEER. THE ISAC POINTS OUT THAT CHANGES IN THE WOOD SUPPLY WOULD EVENTUALLY FORCE CANADA TO MAKE THE STANDARDS REVISION IN ANY CASE.

3. ISAC ALSO BELIEVES CANADA WOULD BE MORE RECEPTIVE IF THIS APPROACH WERE TO INCLUDE LUMBER STANDARDS AS WELL. ACCORDING TO ISAC, HARMONIZATION OF U.S./CANADIAN LUMBER STANDARDS WILL OCCUR IN 1-2 YEARS. CANADIAN INDUSTRY IS THEREFORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT A JOINT EFFORT TO REVISE JAPAN'S STANDARDS BASED ON CURRENT U.S. STANDARD.

4. UNLESS CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED, DEL INTENDS TO ASK CANADIANS TO AGREE TO BILATERAL MEETING OF EXPERTS, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR OTTAWA TO PREPARE FOR EVENTUAL TRILATERAL MEETING. ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WOULD BE TO SEEK COMMON POSITION BASED ON U.S. PLYWOOD AND LUMBER STANDARDS. THE MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.

5. DEL ALSO INTENDS TO REEMPHASIZE TO CANADIANS THAT ABILITY OF U.S. TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM OFFER ON PLYWOOD OF INTEREST TO CANADA DEPENDS ON RESOLUTION OF PLYWOOD STANDARDS PROBLEM.

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